



**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
October 1, 2014**

I. Call to order

The March meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 10:38AM in the Board Room of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present:

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi
Vice Chairman Mario VillaSanta
William Cox Jr.
Carol Petzold
Gary Simpson
Charles Deegan
Cathy Riley
Michael Moore
Micah Watson
Gregory Snook
George Littrell, Jr.
Elmer Horsey
MDOT Staff Ian Beam
MDOT Staff Tina Quinichette

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi called the meeting to order at 10:40AM. The September minutes were approved.

III. New business

The first order of business was addressing the three dedication requests from the last meeting. Mr. Beam noted that there were two pending and the third was from the Garden Club, but they had not sent in an application.

Mr. Beam noted that the SHA Office of Traffic and Safety has expressed concern that the specific location on i-95 for Prince George's Police Officer Adrian Morris already has too many signs; however no application has been submitted yet. No action is currently required from the Commission. Mr. Beam also noted that he during a phone call from Judy Talbert on behalf of her husband Montgomery County Police (MCPD) Officer William Talbert, she noted her desire to select the alternate location on I-370 if the MD 355 location as not feasible. MCPD Lt. Mark Sheelor was asked about possibly a location near the MCPD Headquarters but he has not yet replied. Ms. Petzold suggested RT 28 by the driveway to the police headquarters. After a discussion on the RT 28 location, she moved to approve a location on MD 370 and Mr. Watson seconded and the council voted unanimously to recommend the Secretary approving this request.

Mr. Beam continued the meeting by giving an update on the 2014 Consolidated Transportation Plan and the corresponding tour meetings taking place in all Maryland Counties. Mr. Beam relayed the message from the Secretary stating the need for federal investment in Maryland transportation infrastructure and the corresponding projects. The Commission then examined the individual county-by-county breakout sheets, also known as Project Information Forms (PIF's)

Mr. Watson asked if the handout came in a Spanish version. Mr. Beam replied that he did not think so, but will inquire to see if one exists. [NOTE: MDOT IS APPARENTLY NOT REQUIRED TO TRANSLATE THIS DOCUMENT UNDER COMAR]

Mr. Cox commented on the fallacies of the project specs, stating that the project money can be added to or taken away from. Mr. Beam replies that the PIFs are a draft until legislation.

Ms. Petzold mentioned that she has not seen the attainment report before and would like access. Mr. Beam informed her that they can be accessed on line or obtained through Ms. Stacy Dahlstrom of the Office of Planning and Capital Programming.

The third topic was brought up by Mr. Horsey. He mentioned that there is a problem with the painting of the three bridges in Chestertown. He noted that the construction creates road closures for 17 miles and an added containment is needed to catch the paint. He also stated that it takes a week to build the containment and doesn't understand why this construction and closure is done between the months of November and March. These are cold and wet months and he thinks it will impact the drying time of the paint.

Mr. Littrell also commented on this subject by asking if truckers are alerted about the future construction of the containments. Could this disrupt their regular routes?

Another point was made regarding the impact on emergency vehicles getting to their destinations and other citizens that need to use that corridor for daily commute purposes. Mr. Horsey stated that if citizens in need of emergency assistance are not able to get an emergency vehicle, they could call the police, but that is a \$1200 charge for the transport. [NOTE: SHA DISTRICT 2 IS HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS, DATES TO FOLLOW]

Mr. Beam reported that a Japanese firm is interested in the Northeast Maglev project. He is getting a briefing from MTA with the specifics. Mr. Trivedi stated that he is trying to reach a CSX official regarding their intent.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Beam if there is still a study for the Nice Bridge. Mr. Beam replied that there was and he will find someone from MDTA for a briefing.

IV. Adjournment

Hearing no other items of business, the Commission adjourned at 11:19AM until May 7, 2014 at MDOT HQ.